

TIVERTON CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
Regular meeting minutes: June 4, 2008

1. Call to order

Chair Cecil Leonard called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm at the Tiverton Community Center.

Members present: Laura Epke, Deb Pallasch, Diane Harris, Stanley Zeramby, Frank Marshall, Richard Joslin, Ray Medeiros Absent: Bob Koohy

2. Approval of minutes

None

Motion by L. Epke, seconded by R. Medeiros, to move discussion of public hearing to next item. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Public hearing:

Chair reported that he had tentatively reserved June 30th for the public hearing. Town Clerk to confirm. Also, noted that per discussions with the Council President that to her knowledge the Council was not planning a hearing relating to the Charter changes.

Motion by L. Epke, seconded by D. Pallasch, to send a letter to the Council (L. Epke to write) to apprise them of the Commissions plans for a hearing and to give them an update on progress and anticipated completion dates. In favor: L. Epke, D. Pallasch, D. Harris, S. Zeramby, R. Joslin, R. Medeiros Against: C. Leonard, F. Marshall. Motion passed.

3. Commission discussion:

“Other” ballot language

Update with no action taken.

FTM alternative

C. Leonard reported that per his conversation with Andy Teitz, Town Solicitor, that Mr. Tietz noted that a proposal to “add a 2nd alternative to the ballot re: the choice of Town Council adoption with citizen petition failsafe” would be irresponsible and that the Board of Canvassers/State Board of Elections would probably not approve. It was noted that conflict arises if both “pass.” L. Epke pointed out that Tiverton’s Charter addresses this and seems to allow for two proposals. Per section #1205 “Should two (2) or more amendments adopted at the same time have conflicting provisions, the one receiving the largest affirmative vote shall prevail.” Chair to follow up further with Mr. Teitz.

Further discussion of alternative with no formal actions taken.

5. Other

None

6. Adjournment

The Commission’s June 4, 2008 regular meeting was adjourned at 9:03 pm.

Minutes recorded and compiled by Deborah Pallasch, Secretary.